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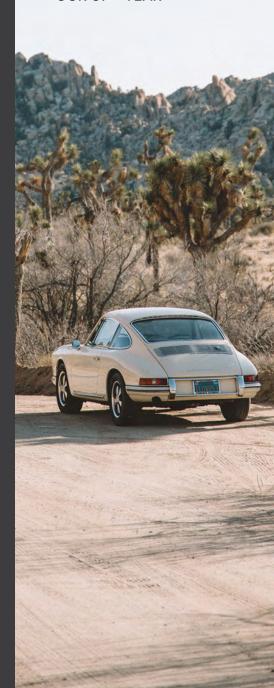
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SAT, 10/25	Charit	y Dinner and Auction

#### NOVEMBER

TUES	5, 11/4	 Board Meeting -
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#### DECEMBER

MON, 12/1	Sage Tick Content Deadline
TUES, 12/2	Board Meeting - Porsche Boise
FRI, 12/5 ··	Holiday Party - Hillcrest Country Club

#### JANUARY

<b>TUES, 1/6</b>	Board Meeting - Porsche Boise
SAT, 1/31	Tech Talk - The Rag Company





#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ANTHONY VIERRA
President

As summer winds down and our driving season comes to a close, I hope everyone had the chance to add a few extra miles to their odometers. We've enjoyed some fantastic tours this year, and I want to thank all of you who came out for the Breakfast Club drives and other events that made the season special.

Now our focus shifts toward Oktoberfast and the upcoming Charity Dinner. As the leaves begin to change and some of our cars head into winter storage, let's remember that the club stays active year-round. There are still plenty of social gatherings ahead, and the friendships we've built are every bit as important as the cars that brought us together.

After all, it's not just the cars — it's the people.

#### CHEERS,







If you have an article you would like to share with others in the club, simply email it to sagetick@ silversageporsche.com

#### TICK TALK FALL 2025



JAYK REYNOLDS Editor

#### **One Last Lap**

Well, here we are. My final lap as editor of the Sage Tick. Part of me feels sentimental, part of me feels relieved... and part of me just wants to see if anyone actually reads this thing past the first paragraph. (If you're

still here, congratulations! You've already outlasted half the membership at a Drivers' Meeting.)

Over the past year, I've had the privilege of sharing your stories.. and what a collection they've been! From epic road tours to garage shenanigans, from newcomers white-knuckling their first mountain curves to veterans proving, once again, that horsepower is just a number until you hit a pothole — it's all been a blast to capture.

If there's one thing I've learned, it's that Porsche ownership isn't just about the cars. Sure, we've got everything from vintage 356s to fire-breathing GT cars, and yes, they're all incredible. But what really makes this club unique is the cast of characters behind the wheels. The Breakfast Club philosophers, the garage tinkerers, the pranksters with suspicious puddles of "oil"

(you know who you are!). This is a community as eclectic as the Porsche lineup itself, and that's what makes it so much fun.

And here's the kicker: sometimes, even when you drive very fast cars, you need to slow down. Not because there's a cop hiding around the next bend (though... probably), but because the real joy is in the conversations at the rest stop, the shared laughs over dinner, and the friendships built in between miles. Fast cars, slow moments. That's the sweet spot.

I feel incredibly lucky to have played a small role in sharing these stories. Editing this magazine has been like trying to herd 911s on summer tires through a blizzard; equal parts chaos, beauty, and pure entertainment.

So here's my last call to action: get involved. Come to an event. Share your story. Take some pictures. Or at the very least, show up for the food! Thank you for letting me tell your stories. It's been an honor, a joy, and occasionally a comedy show. Now go out there and make some more memories, but never forget the best memories are the ones we get to share with others.





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DAVID & TRISH AKANA 2011 Panamera 4

ROBERT GILLESPIE & SONG LAY 2024 Macan

MARK & TONYA DALE 2009 Cayman S

JOHN LUQUE 2008 911 Carrera S Cabriolet

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LARRY & CANDY BECK (FROM CALIFORNIA CENTRAL COAST) 2015 Cayman S

RHONDA & ROB MCCARVEL 2004 911 Turbo Cabriolet

#### **JULY 2025**

TOFFER GRANT 2016 911 Carrera 4S

TODD STEBEL 2023 Cayenne Coupe

LENDON SMITH 2025 911 Carrera

JILL DIEFENDERFER (FROM OLYMPIC PENINSULA) 2007 Cayman S

MARK HAGGE 2000 Boxster

LARISSA & ERIC LONG 2016 Panamera Edition

ALEXANDER & BETTY MILLER 2007 Cayman S

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BOB & LAURIE JACOBSEN 2008 Boxster

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ALEX GELSOMINO 1978 911 SC

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SCOTT & CHERYL KREILING 2025 911 Carrera

NATHAN MCINTYRE 2020 718 CAYMAN GT4

DEREK SANDERS & WENDI DARBYSHIRE-MILLER 2007 Cayman S

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#### GOD, GRIT AND GERMAN ENGINEERING:

#### The Remarkable Story of Ron Martinez

BY JAYK REYNOLDS



Most Porsche stories start with a love of driving. Ron Martinez's began with something deeper—his father. Growing up in a working-class family,

Ron's dad would take him to the local Porsche dealership—not to shop, but to dream. After long days picking fruit for a buck an hour, they'd sneak peeks through the showroom windows at night, admiring cars they never imagined they'd own. "We didn't go just once," Ron says. "We went a lot. It became something special between us."

That seed grew into a lifelong passion not just for Porsche, but for achievement. Ron became the youngest executive in Bank of America's history, later building and selling one of the largest firearms companies in the world. From Ivy League business programs to mentoring young leaders, Ron lived in the fast lane long before he ever broke 200 miles per hour.

But even with all that success, it was Family and Porsche that remained his through-line. His garage includes a pristine 1987 930 Turbo flatnose with just 28,000 original miles, and a black-on-black 1989 930 Turbo with 14,000 miles, the last year of the legendary 930 design. These aren't just collector's cars. They're memory machines, each tied to his father's influence, his own relentless drive, and, ultimately, his survival.

Because when Ron says Porsche saved his life, he means it.



"YOU DON'T WALK AWAY FROM THAT"

At the 2024 Sun Valley Tour de Force, Ron climbed into his 911 Turbo S convertible with Zach riding shotgun, one of the many young adults he mentors. Ron had driven the same car at speed many times before, including multiple runs in previous years Tour de Force events. This wasn't a first-time bucket list stunt. But this year he had upgraded the car with bigger turbos and a modified rear wing for better downforce. He knew what he was doing.



He also knew how to handle the car. Ron trained at the Porsche Experience Center in Los Angeles and spent multiple days at the Utah

Motorsports Campus in a performance-driving course sponsored by the Porsche Club. He wasn't a thrill-seeker winging it down the highway, he was trained, cautious, and deeply experienced behind the wheel of a high-performance Porsche at speed. Still, when you're traveling 211 miles per hour, variables don't ask permission.



Just past the finish line, the road dipped sharply—part of a worsening surface issue drivers had warned about earlier in the day. The front end of the car bottomed out, triggering a loss of control that led to tires leaving the ground and the car going airborne and cartwheeling end over end until it finally came to rest off the road in a stand of trees and brush.



All that was left was a crumpled mess of a car. And somehow both of them survived.

Ron suffered 54 broken bones, two collapsed lungs, a brain bleed, and fell into a coma. "I went from a 205-pound athlete with 14% body

fat to lying in a hospital bed unable to move," he says. "I couldn't even stand for five months."



Zach, who Ron had been mentoring for years and considers family, was also injured, suffering a concussion, spinal fractures, a broken ankle, and eventually requiring surgery to implant rods and pins.

But they made it.



#### WARRIOR ANGELS AND THE LONG **ROAD TO RECOVERY**



Ron's family chose to keep his name out of the press. No one needed the added attention while he lay fighting for his life. "It wasn't just about privacy," he says. "It was about preserving focus—on healing, on faith, on the people who really mattered."

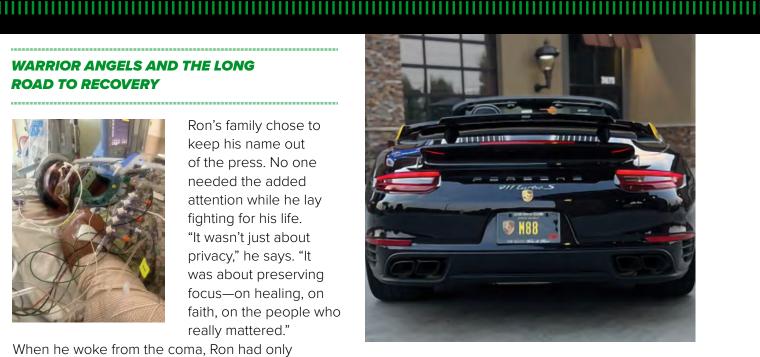
When he woke from the coma, Ron had only fragmented memories. One vision, though, was vivid: four warrior angels standing at each corner of the wrecked car, clad in steel armor. "I saw myself and Zach from above. I saw blood, chaos... and these militant angels holding the corners," he recalls. "That image never left me. I found a picture months later online that looked exactly like what I saw. It gave me peace."

His wife, who he met in college while they were both coaching Special Olympics, was by his side throughout the recovery. A former collegiate gymnast and two-time All-American, she took time off from her job to care for him full-time. One of their sons stepped in as well. "You needed two people just to lift me into a chair," Ron says. "For months, I just stared at the ceiling."

And then slowly, day by day, he began to move again.

#### THE COMEBACK

They said he'd be in a walker for months, but Ron had other plans. He started training in secret, pushing himself through twice-daily physical therapy and occupational rehab. His right hand still doesn't fully close, but he's back in the gym. He's back lifting weights. He's back chasing the black belt he was working toward in Krav Maga before the crash.



Less than nine months after the accident, he went on a remote Alaskan bear hunt—a dream he refused to cancel. It involved hiking several miles through backcountry streams and dense terrain with metal plates and 36 screws in his pelvis.

"I trained for it," he says. "People told me not to go. But my friend Mike Utley who is a former Detroit Lions player who was paralyzed on the field, told me, 'You'll regret it if you don't.' And he was right." He took down a 1,400-pound brown bear.

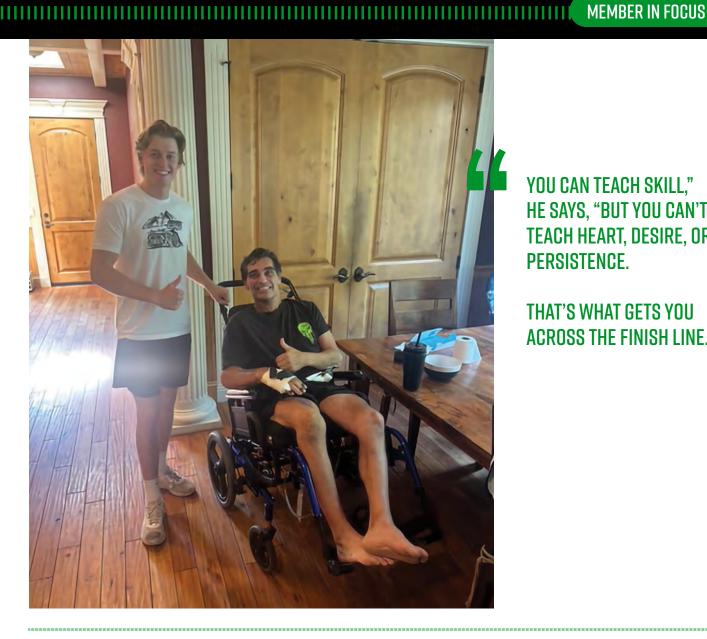
#### MORE THAN JUST MACHINES

It wasn't just the car that saved them. It was years of discipline, training, faith, and family.

But Ron still gives credit where it's due. "God and Porsche saved my life," he says plainly.

He believes the company missed an opportunity to tell the story. "I told them, nobody has survived a crash like that in a top-down convertible at that speed. If that's not a testament to Porsche engineering, I don't know what is."

He and Zach, who is now working toward a pilot's license, remain as close as ever. Their bond, forged long before the crash, is now inseparable. Ron calls him his nephew. Zach calls him Uncle Ron. "He's going to be successful no matter what," Ron says. "He's got that fire."



YOU CAN TEACH SKILL," HE SAYS, "BUT YOU CAN'T TEACH HEART, DESIRE, OR PERSISTENCE.

THAT'S WHAT GETS YOU **ACROSS THE FINISH LINE."** 

#### THE REAL FINISH LINE

Ron still has hard mornings. Still wakes up sore. Still fights to get full function back in his hand. But none of that stops him.

"I'll finish my black belt," he says without hesitation. "There's nothing that's going to stop me."

He's been approached about books, documentaries, and speaking engagements. But Ron doesn't need a spotlight. What drives him now is purpose. To help the next person get back up. To remind people what matters. To finish what he started.

"You can teach skill," he says, "but you can't teach heart, desire, or persistence. That's what gets you across the finish line."

And that's what makes Ron Martinez a legend—it's not just about velocity, or how fast you can go. It's about the power of purpose, the miracle of second chances, and the unbreakable steel found not just in the frame of a 911, but in the heart of a man who refuses to stop moving forward.





# MEMBERS' MEETING

BY MARK PRUSYNSKI

When the valley heat sets in, nothing beats a cool mountain drive — and Lowman was the destination for our July Members' Meeting.

Sign-ups were a little slow at first, but with a few reminders, turnout climbed to 29 attendees, including two brand new members eager to jump in.

Lowman has long been a favorite stop on the old Sun Valley tour, though the town has faced challenges in recent years, including two major fires. The new owner of the Southfork Lodge was thrilled to host our group, promising a barbecue and casual car show right on the river's edge. Some of us took the scenic route through Idaho City, up the switchbacks, and over Banner Summit. Traffic was light, making it easy to enjoy the curves — at least until a black Boxster piloted by Logan and Michelle came flying up in the mirrors just before Lowman. The owner greeted us warmly and directed our lineup of Porsches to a grassy lot under the shade of a massive tree, where the real fun began: mingling, gawking, and swapping stories.



Tables were moved into the shade between the lodge and the river. With drinks in hand and a hearty barbecue buffet, the evening unfolded into exactly the kind of gathering that makes Silver Sage special. Conversations flowed easily, laughter carried across the river, and the relaxed mountain setting made it feel like the kind of tradition worth keeping.

For one brand-new member who joined just days before, it was baptism by fire — or rather, by chip seal. He hadn't gotten the warning emails but reported that the Burns-to-Lowman highway was in decent shape. Even on the way back, the chip seal west of Lowman seemed well-settled, sparing the paintwork and keeping spirits high.

It all added up to the perfect combination: a spirited mountain drive, beautiful scenery, great food, and even better company. Lowman welcomed us back with open arms, and by the end of the evening, it was clear — this stop deserves to be on the calendar every year.











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As with every Coffee & Porsches event, this one began the right way: members chatting about cars over coffee, donuts, and great treats provided by Porsche Boise!

When it came time for the safety briefing, Doug Ooley asked for volunteers to lead and sweep our two groups. With no immediate takers, he agreed to lead one of the groups himself.

For this drive, I had my wife (and fellow PCA member) Tiffany riding with me, so we decided to lead Group 2 and give Doug a chance to relax and enjoy the drive. With the route reviewed and radios set, we were ready to roll.

We headed south, carefully working through the lights to keep everyone together before reaching the outskirts of Kuna. Tiffany and I found ourselves on roads we hadn't driven in years, which sparked some fun conversation along the way. The highlight came as we crossed the Lake Lowell dam, slowing just enough to enjoy the view before pulling into Mallard Park, our halfway point.

We arrived just in time to see Group 1 heading out, which gave us a chance to stretch, laugh, and catch up before regrouping for the return trip. Those of us with handheld radios got some unexpected comedy in the form of random beeps and mystery chatter throughout the drive. It wasn't exactly mission control and we never figured out what it was, but it kept us entertained.











The drive wound back south Nampa, along Greenhurst, Robinson, and Amity before reconnecting with Meridian Road. Somehow, we managed to keep all the cars together without losing a single one, which might have been the real achievement of the day! We wrapped at Falcon Storage Condos, where they were setting up for a big car show. We watched some absolutely incredible machines roll in, with Porsche proudly represented by many of our own club members!

It was, in every sense, what a Coffee & Porsches drive should be: great roads, great weather, and even better company.

-Jayk





#### My Kind of Breakfast



My 911 was in the shop the morning of July 12, the day of my very first Breakfast Club Drive — and, in fact, my first club drive of any kind. I hesitantly pulled into the meetup spot in a Porsche Macan loaner, parking at the far end of a lineup filled with 911s, Boxsters, Caymans, and Cayennes.

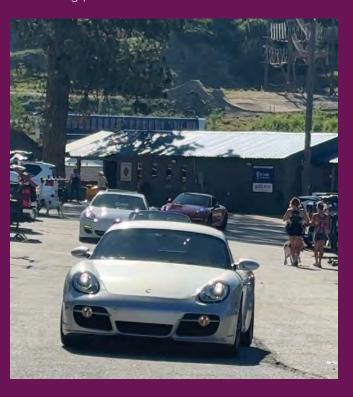
As we gathered for coffee and introductions, I found myself quietly hoping to ride sweep at the back of the line, where I'd be the least trouble.



But with no radio, I ended up second from the rear instead. Soon after the driver's meeting, our group of ten headed out along State Street and up Highway 55, and it didn't take long for me to realize how much fun this was going to be.

Hidden Springs provided the first bit of drama, when our convoy got stuck behind a swaying transit van that looked straight out of a cartoon. Once it turned off, the drive opened up into the curves of Cartwright Road, where I followed a convertible Boxster with its passengers grinning ear to ear in the sunshine.

Traffic split the group on the way up Bogus Basin Road, but I didn't mind. Watching the landscape shift from sage to pines was worth the slower pace, and I kept one eye on the 993 in my mirrors — a car with a touching backstory, still in the family after being passed down from father to son.







The day wrapped with lunch at a butcher shop and deli, where conversations turned to cars, the road, and future drives. Someone remarked how well the Macan handled on the descent, and I couldn't agree more.

If there's one thing I learned, it's that age, gender, experience, or model don't matter much when it comes to these outings. All you need is an open road, a sense of adventure, and a Porsche.







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BY MARK & LINDA PRUSYNSKI, BOB & VICKI PENTECOST, AND GARY & MOLLY CUDDEFORD



Back in March of 2020, the presidents of Zone 6 regions began dreaming of smaller, more frequent tours after the massive 5,000- and 2,500-mile undertakings of 2015 and 2019. Then the world stopped. Four years later, the Inland Northwest Region resurrected the idea with a tour of the International Selkirk

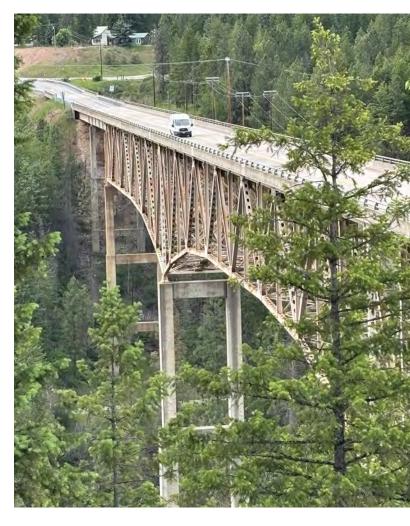
Loop during the first week of June — and Silver Sage couples eagerly joined in.

The trip began with a planning barbeque at John and Nancy Sommerwerck's home in Donnelly before the group made their way north. After a scenic drive up Highway 95 and a lakeside run along Coeur d'Alene, the cars gathered at the lodge for registration, a driver's meeting, and even a paddlewheeler cruise to set the tone for the adventure ahead.

The Selkirk Loop offers side trips galore, and our members took full advantage. Some followed the "Lake Pend



Oreille Kootenai River Super Side Trip," others chased orchard-lined roads across the border. Everywhere the locals noticed the parking lots gleaming with Porsches.



By the second day, news spread that the main Kootenai Lake ferry was out of service, replaced with a much smaller vessel. Most of the group pressed on to make the ferry, including the Cuddefords. But luck wasn't on their side. After hours of waiting behind logging trucks and RVs, the last car squeezed on and the ferry pulled away — leaving Gary and Molly still on shore. "I'm sure they all wanted to get off and come back, but they begrudgingly floated out to sea," Gary laughed later. Rather than wait another two hours, the pair enjoyed a solo drive around the lake and managed to reach Nelson before the rest of the group.



Nelson proved worth the wait. Bob and Vicki Pentecost dove deep into the city's history with a guided walking tour led by a local historian. They discovered Baker Street's



architecture and colorful stories, admired vibrant murals (including one serving as a symbol of safety for the unhoused community), and sampled coffee shops, boutiques, and bakeries with irresistible pastries. Lunch at Marzano's, with pizza, salad, and



local wine, fueled the afternoon. The hidden gem of Cottonwood Falls Park, with its Japanese garden and quiet benches, capped off their day.

Meanwhile, Gary and Molly wandered Nelson's shops, where Molly fell for a blue-and-white Dutch oven. Gary gamely bought it as an early birthday gift, then worried about how to fit it into their 911. When Bob jokingly offered to carry "Molly's pot" home in the Cayenne, the nickname stuck — and the oven eventually found its place in the back of the Cuddefords' car.



The loop continued with more side trips — Rivers, Dams & Mines, Flowery Trail — and closed with a night at Spokane's Davenport Grand Hotel, the site of the 2017 Parade. There, old memories resurfaced and new ones were made.



The Selkirk Loop is more than miles of mountain roads. It's history, scenery, friendship, and the occasional mishap

that becomes a great story to laugh about later. For Silver Sage, it was the perfect Porsche adventure.

- Mark & Linda, Bob & Vicki, Gary & Molly



ODOs are always a highlight for Silver Sage — casual, social, and full of surprises. Our August stop at Payette Brewing was no exception.









Around 20 members gathered, quickly filling tables and swapping stories. Conversations bounced between the re-routed Membership Drive (thanks to last-minute chip sealing) and excitement for the upcoming North Idaho Tour. The brewery's lively atmosphere and easygoing vibe set the perfect tone for an evening of catching up.

Of course, no ODO is complete without food, and this one brought its own twist. The scheduled food truck suffered a refrigeration breakdown that spoiled its pre-made burgers. The owner scrambled across town to buy fresh ground beef and start over from scratch. Unfortunately, by the time he was ready, many of us had already wandered off in search of other bites. Still, it became part of the evening's story — a reminder that sometimes the mishaps are what we laugh about later.

Between pints of Payette's craft beer, plenty of smiles, and a few candid moments, the ODO was another success. Whether you were enjoying the shade on the patio, catching up with old friends, or meeting new ones, the night captured exactly what makes our club gatherings special: good people, good cars, and a shared love of spending time together.



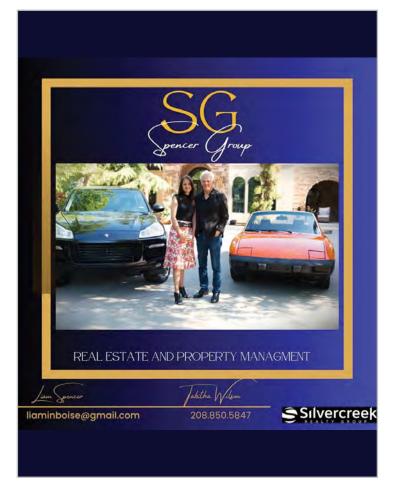


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Silver Sage gathered on June 14 for a delicious lunch and General Membership Meeting, thanks to the efforts of Gretchen Young.

Anderson Reserve is unlike any other — a familyowned restaurant and butcher shop that pairs rustic charm with first-class service. As we arrived, the door opened as if by magic — and there stood Paul, one of the owners, warmly greeting each guest.

It was a beautiful, sunny drive to Sweet, Idaho. So nice, in fact, that one couple missed the turn entirely and enjoyed an unintended detour to Banks before circling back. Inside the restored barn, tables were set with white linens and floral centerpieces. Gretchen had reserved the patio for us, and the weather could not have been better. Guests could order anything from the menu, with the added bonus of a complimentary wedge salad or cup of lobster bisque. The bisque was a standout — an excellent choice for those of us who are fans.



After lunch, the business portion of the meeting began. We welcomed at least eight new members — fantastic growth for the club! Doug Ooley provided a quick update on finances and Coffee and Porsches.



Tom Brock spoke about Drivers Skills Day, Autocross, and BrezelCross, fielding questions about participation and car tech requirements. A quick



review of the calendar wrapped things up, just as the chatter and laughter around the tables grew louder.

Anderson Reserve has ambitious plans for the future. A second restaurant — Anderson Prime Steakhouse — is slated to open in Star in June 2026. It will feature fine dining, a butcher shop, a speakeasy and cigar lounge, and outdoor rooftop seating. There will be plenty of parking, including golf cart spaces for the locals. No doubt the club will be checking it out once it opens (though I'm not sure my beast of a car would qualify for a golf cart space!).

Paul and Samantha Anderson, the owners, were actively engaged with both staff and customers. Their motto — "Come as a Customer, Leave as a Friend" — is clearly more than just words. As we departed, I stopped at the butcher shop for a few items.









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the team integrated proven ideas such as the Le Mans-style start, cooling strategies for drivers and cars, and new timing technology. This year's CLOKKR system allowed results to be tracked instantly online.

The 2025 layout was a reversal of past Brezelcrosses, designed by Tom Bruck. Short, technical, and full of surprises, it offered both novice and seasoned drivers fresh challenges. With a bit of coaching, drivers saw steady improvement. A banked turn leading into the final straight begged for a foot-to-the-floor approach and grins to match.

Summer heat and tire smoke filled the Metroplex at the Mill in Emmett as Silver Sage hosted the Summer Brezelcross 2025. For some, it was their first taste of autocross. For others, it was a return to a course that continues to evolve each year.

As Safety Chair, Paul Kaczmarek has watched the event grow since its inception. Careful attention to course design and

safety standards—led by Gary Roeder and Craig Doty—ensured proper spacing from obstacles, smooth surfaces, and safe corner stations. Drawing inspiration from SCCA best practices,



The grid reflected the inclusive spirit of Brezelcross.
Alongside the expected Porsches—GT3s, GT4 RSs, Turbos, and Caymans—came guest entries: a stock-looking '69 Pontiac Firebird hiding a Lingenfelter engine, a Subaru WRX, and even a pair of heavily modified Geo Trackers.





Meanwhile, Tom Bruck and Andria Johnson turned in consistently strong performances, with Tom's GT3 and Andria's GT4 RS posting some of the fastest times of the weekend.



As for Paul, he saw his own times drop from 40.351 seconds to 36.532 seconds over the course of the day, enough to win his class—even if he was the only entry in it.

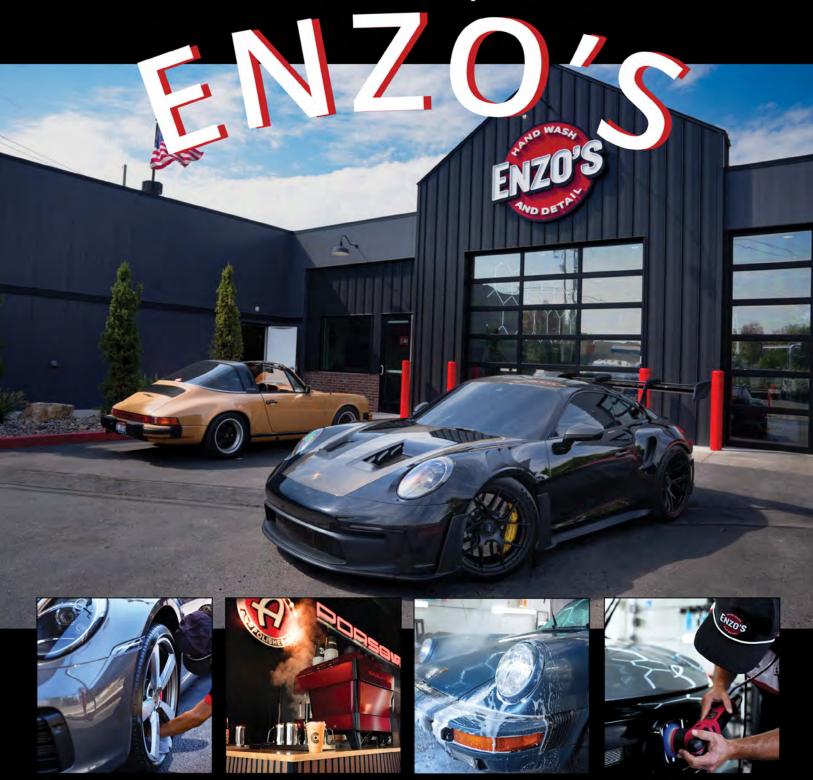
At its heart, Brezelcross remains what it was designed to be: a chance to safely push limits, share laughs, and bring together a community of enthusiasts.

The 2025 edition proved once again that whether you're chasing tenths of a second or just the widest grin of the day, everyone goes home a winner.

-Paul & Chary



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Twelve cars and twenty-two Silver Sagers set out on July 26 for the North Idaho Tour, a four-day adventure through some of the state's most scenic highways.



The group gathered in Eagle on a sunny Saturday morning, where waivers were signed and organizers split us into two packs, each with its own lead and sweep. With radios checked and

tanks full, the convoy headed north toward Orofino by way of Riggins.

First stop: the Maverick in Payette. It was clear the route had been planned with care — and with the "bio needs" of retirees in mind. By the time we reached the Sheep Creek Rest Area south of Riggins, the picnic lunch felt like a feast, with everyone sharing dishes and swapping stories.

We were joined there by Gully and Colleen Gullickson from Sun Valley, bringing our caravan to thirteen cars strong.



From there, some couldn't resist a detour up Old Whitebird Hill. The road wound steeply upward in a series of corners perfect for Porsches, and Blair Baertsch positioned himself ahead to capture photos as cars charged the hill. Spirits were high, even after a wrong turn leaving Grangeville sent part of the group a few miles off course.

Back on track, the road across Highway 7 offered endless golden wheat fields before finally delivering us to Orofino. The Lodge at River's Edge hosted a lively happy hour, a taco bar in the banquet room, and for some, a nightcap on the deck overlooking the Clearwater River. It was the perfect close to Day 1.









The North Idaho Trip was my first road trip since joining the Club in January — and it was more fun than I could have imagined. I learned so much about what my car could do that I can't wait to go again.

At first the roads felt tame: winding out of Eagle, through Emmett, up 95. But after the rest stop in Riggins, that's when the fun began. Old Whitebird Hill was my introduction to driving a Porsche the way it was meant to be driven. I followed Walt up

the grade, braking too much in the corners, but still amazed by the tall pines, sharp curves, and the sense that there wasn't a straight road in sight. It was a perfect Porsche road.



That night, we pulled chairs onto the patio for an impromptu happy hour. I got some instruction from Craig Doty about how the car was supposed to be driven: not with my brakes, but with the paddles. "Shoot," I laughed, "I didn't even realize I had paddles!" I also hadn't explored Sport Mode.



That all changed on Sunday. My driving got better, fortunately for the cars behind me. I learned that staying in your lane is a point of pride, that using engine compression is the way these cars were designed to perform, and that every mile is an opportunity to practice. More importantly, I learned that the best part of a trip like this is the camaraderie — people eager to share their knowledge, cheer on your progress, and make you feel welcome.

It was an unforgettable first tour. I can't wait for the next trip.







#### Lowman Run

It was a cool Saturday morning when twenty Porsches gathered at Caffé Capri, engines warming as the group prepared to head up Highway 21 toward Lowman. Some were familiar faces, others newcomers, but all shared the same eagerness to hit the road.



After a quick driver's meeting, we split into two groups of ten. My co-pilot, Greg Myers, jumped in, and we rolled out at the head of the first group. Traffic was light, the sky was clear, and the road stretched out in front of us like an invitation. Each glance in the mirror revealed a wave of Porsches flowing through the turns behind me, the convoy carving its way deeper into the Boise National Forest. The pavement was kind to us that morning — few rocks, hardly a pothole — and the scents of pine and campfire smoke drifted in the air as we passed through Idaho City.

We regrouped at the summit, swapping stories and laughter as the second wave of cars pulled in about ten minutes later.



This is the essence of the Breakfast Club: driving hard, then pausing to enjoy the company of fellow enthusiasts.

From there, the descent into Lowman led us to Trudy's, where the staff handled our large group with ease. Plates of hearty breakfast dishes soon filled the tables, and conversation flowed just as easily as the coffee.









For me, the highlight was connecting with new members, including one who had just joined from my former region, Yosemite.

Mornings like this are what make the Breakfast Club special — great roads, great people, and memories that stay long after the last plate is cleared. To everyone who joined us: thank you. You mean the world to me.





I arrived early to set out liability waivers and route instructions for our August Coffee & Porsches drive, only to find the Porsche Boise staff already had their usual spread of coffee, donuts, and fruit laid out — a much-appreciated tradition for Silver Sage members.

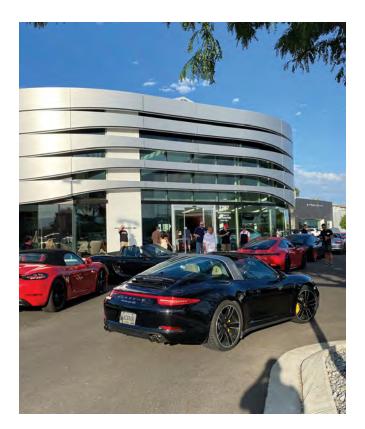
By 8:00 AM, the lot was filling with freshly washed Porsches of every variety and color. Members mingled in the morning sunshine, catching up and swapping stories while anticipating a spirited drive into the mountains.





When the tally came in at twenty-seven cars, we split into two groups. I led the first in my newly acquired GT Silver 718 Cayman GTS 4.0, with Denis and Patricia Dunlop volunteering to sweep. Bruce and Gretchen Young, in their stunning White and Carbon Black 718 Spyder RS, took point for the second group, with club president Anthony Vierra sweeping in his GT Silver 40th Anniversary 911. At 8:30 sharp, we held the mandatory safety meeting — covering standard protocols, radios, and the day's route. With headlights on and radios set to 5.1, the first group rolled out at 8:45 AM,

with the second group following ten minutes later. The route carried us north on Highway 55 to Horseshoe Bend for a quick Chevron stop, then west on Highway 52 to the Sweet/Ola junction. From there we looped back, before aiming for Black Canyon Park as our second stop. At least, that was the plan.









Despite my scout drive earlier in the week, we discovered on arrival that Black Canyon Park was closed for a special event. With a quick pivot, both groups carried on smoothly to the Gem County Fairgrounds in Emmett, where we regrouped and wrapped up the drive.

It was another successful Coffee & Porsches outing, thanks to careful planning, a little flexibility, and the good humor of our members. Special thanks to Porsche Boise for their hospitality, and to our lead and sweep volunteers for keeping things running smoothly.







### GLAMPING PORSCHE STYLE,



BY WALT GAMMILL





Last winter, as I watched the snow fall, I wistfully remembered previous Porsche glamping group adventures.

In May of '21, several of us got together at the McCall RV Resort for a fun few days of camaraderie, food, campfire conversation—and a little snow. Hoping to repeat the adventure without the snow, we gathered the next May at the RV park at Carlson Ranch on the Salmon River, about 10 miles upstream from Riggins. The weather was grand, the grass was green, and a great time was had by all.

Somehow, the next year got away from us without a gathering, but we caught up again last year. Memories fade after a while, so we opted for another gathering in late May back at the McCall RV Resort. Again, we had a great time—but blue skies turned dark, and this time we got a real snowstorm.

So here I was last winter, thinking we should do this again—just not in McCall.

I checked with Carlson Ranch. They had plenty of open spots for the first week in May. I emailed the group, and soon we had six RV spots plus a cabin reserved. No snow for us this time!

[Editor's note for the insurance police:] This was not a drive, but a gathering of RV folks who happen to own Porsches.

Beginning on May 5th, we began arriving at our appointed spots.

Jeff and Sharon Fergot came first, all the way from Seattle, pulling their Airstream behind their Ford pickup (but they have Porsches too). It was the Fergots who originally found this place. Next, Gary Roeder arrived—he swapped his little Airstream for a Sprinter RV, but Jackie arrived later in their Cayenne. The Gammills followed, pulling their "Backpack" trailer behind their diesel Cayenne, and soon the Cuddefords arrived with their trailer in tow behind theirs.



The Cannons showed up in their big RV towing a Jeep—but we all know they have Porsches. Last but not least, the Dunlops rolled in with their 5th wheel and Dodge Ram (yes, they have Porsches too).



The Sommerwercks decided to join us for a couple of nights, staying in one of the cabins. They arrived in their Jeep—for some reason, John declined to bring his new Spyder. A little gravel at the resort wouldn't have hurt that thing—we all know Boxsters are sturdy!

Once settled, we spent several days and nights visiting, swapping stories, eating, imbibing (some), eating, and imbibing (some more).



In between,
we enjoyed long
walks up the river
road. The highlight
each evening was Sid
Cannon entertaining us
with great old cowboy
songs while playing
his guitar.

His mastery of that instrument is amazing.

It was even better as we gathered around a huge firepit near the river.

The evening was marred only slightly by the sprinklers hitting us at 10 PM.

That sprinkler incident highlighted our confusion over the time. The Salmon River at that point is the line between Mountain and Pacific time. We were on the north side of the river, so we were technically in Pacific. Our electronic devices were constantly confused, switching back and forth between the two zones. As it turns out, the ranch goes by Mountain time for convenience.



We thought we were on Pacific time as we carried on at the firepit at 9 PM. Turns out curfew—and sprinklers—were set for Mountain. So, we got wet. But it didn't dampen our spirits.

It was another great outing of the Silver Sage Glamping Society. I'll be reserving those spots again for next May. Any other Silver Sagers with RVs are welcome to join us.







What began as a few friends swapping garage stories — "Well, my garage has this..." — quickly snowballed into one of the summer's most memorable events. By early August, nearly 80 Silver Sage members and neighbors were rolling from stop to stop in a parade of Porsches, checking out three very different garage sanctuaries.

### THREE STOPS, THREE WORLDS

#### DAVE BUNDY'S GARAGE - THE MECHANIC'S DREAM

Bundy's garage carried the unmistakable vibe of a race paddock, shaped by his background as a race boat mechanic. Outfitted with what seemed like every tool known to man, neatly organized spares, and a four-post lift, it was equal parts workshop and shrine to DIY enthusiasm. A GT-spec Porsche took center stage, inspiring plenty of questions and daydreams about track days and wrenchturning weekends.



And then came the prank. Gary Roeder's GT4RS was parked proudly on Bundy's lift as he entertained the crowd with stories. At some point, a mysterious puddle of "oil" appeared beneath the car. When Gary returned, he studied the spotless undercarriage, then the puddle, then back again, his expression growing more puzzled by the second. The crowd's laughter gave it away — someone had "punked" him with what appeared to be lawnmower

oil. Once the laughter died down and the spill was cleaned up, the group moved on, but the legend of the phantom oil leak will live on in Garage Crawl lore.

#### RICK PRESCOTT'S GARAGE - THE GENTLEMAN'S RETREAT

If Bundy's was a mechanic's playground,
Prescott's was a gentleman's retreat. Oversized
in scale — big enough for an RV — the space was
climate-controlled, carpeted, and furnished with fine
leather seating.

A curated bourbon collection gleamed on the shelves, while the sound system (worthy of Morrison himself) provided the soundtrack. His 911 Targa lounged outside on the lawn, soaking in a view that stretched across the Boise foothills. Inside, Rick walked guests through the meaning behind his wall décor — some pieces tied to his roots and childhood, others to milestones and

challenges in his life.
With every detail, it
became clear that
this was more than
a garage; it was a
reflection of Rick's
journey. As Craig Doty
put it, "It changed my
idea of what a garage
— or any other room —
can be."





#### BRUCE YOUNG'S GARAGE - ALL ABOUT FUN

The final stop brought a shift in energy.

Bruce Young's garage radiated color and cheer, decorated with Porsche memorabilia, bright wall art, and a sense of playful hospitality. Cars were staged outside for easy admiration, while inside, a catered lunch awaited hungry crawlers. The atmosphere was less "man cave" and more "bistro," a space to hang out, swap stories, and maybe spend a few unhurried hours perfecting a detail job on a cherished car.







### MORE THAN JUST GARAGES

Taken together, the three garages told a bigger story. Bundy's spoke to performance and precision. Prescott's celebrated heritage, design, and personal history. Young's reminded everyone that Porsche ownership is, above all else, fun. And the day itself? A reminder that Silver Sage is more than a collection of cars. It's a community of personalities, each



bringing something unique to the mix — whether it's a meticulously outfitted shop, a gentleman's retreat, a bistro garage, or even just a well-timed prank. Special thanks to Dave and Debby Bundy, Rick and Wendy Prescott, and Bruce and Gretchen Young for opening their doors, sharing their spaces, and making this a Garage Crawl for the ages.











BY JOHN &
NANCY
SOMMERWERCK

With a significant birthday on the horizon, Nancy and I decided this was the year to attend the 24 Hours of Le Mans. The trip did not disappoint.

We flew out of Boise to Paris on Sunday, June 8, arriving at Charles de Gaulle Airport on Monday morning, June 9. From then on, our days were filled. We booked the tour through Fast Lane's special Le Mans package, billed as "all-inclusive" except for airfare.



We joined two other couples and had a local driver (Phil) at our disposal for the entire trip, along with our guide Robin Donovan, a 14-time

driver at Le Mans. Our lodging was a beautifully updated chateau on wooded acreage about 20 minutes from the town of Le Mans, so getting back to "home base" was easy despite the hundreds of thousands of people converging for the race.

Our first full day began at the track museum, led by Robin, who shared amazing insights from his years racing at Le Mans. Original cars, driving suits, and other memorabilia were on display. We walked the venue and through the pits as teams prepared for the race.

Day two was a side excursion to Normandy and Omaha Beach. Our driver took us to meet a local guide for a moving day in the historic region—one we plan to return to, as it wasn't long enough. That night, we stayed at a lovely chateau nearby. On day three, we drove to the Loire Valley for wine tasting, lunch, and a castle tour before heading back to Le Mans. Friday was packed with pre-race activity, including an exclusive lunch with Derek Bell, five-time Le Mans winner and Porsche driver. The restaurant was within 20 feet of the track, so pre-race practice sounds created an unforgettable ambiance.



Later, we visited the town for the race parade, but due to the extreme heat and crowds, we headed back early to the chateau.

Saturday—race day—was action-packed. We spent the day at the track with full access to the VIP suite: air conditioning, comfortable chairs, food, drinks, and a direct view from the start line to the first curve. We participated in the pre-race grid walk, then watched Roger Federer open the race. Later, we toured a team's pit and witnessed a fueling and tire change up close. A helicopter ride gave us a bird's-eye view of the event and the famous Mulsanne Straight. At night, we watched pit stops and racing from the suite. Around midnight, we visited two corners of the track to feel the speed, sound, and energy up close—just 20 feet from the action.

Sunday started with a late morning return to the track to watch the finale. The first and second place cars were only 14 seconds apart. Great weather allowed for 386 laps—substantially more than rainier years. The winner was a privately owned Ferrari, followed by a Porsche, with two team Ferraris taking third and fourth. We watched the celebration from the VIP suite before escaping the crowds and ending the trip with a catered dinner at the chateau.

On Monday, most guests departed for the airport. Nancy and I, along with another couple, stayed at the airport hotel and ventured into Paris for sightseeing. We'll definitely return—there's much more to see!

Our return flight was delayed due to immigration computer issues at the airport, causing hand processing and long security lines. But once seated, we relaxed and began the journey home.

If you love cars and racing, we highly recommend this trip. Even Nancy, who isn't a huge racing fan, was captivated. A once-in-a-lifetime experience.

-John & Mancy











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### **SAGE TICK**

### CURATED BY WALT THODE

As Silver Sage closes another chapter, it's worth taking a look back at what our members were up to ten, twenty, thirty, forty, and even fifty years ago. The names and cars may have changed, but the energy, camaraderie, and Porsche passion have been the constant thread.



**2015** Members were headed to "Escape to Rushmore," Porsche Parade was celebrated in Monterey, and Oktoberfast was alive and well here at home. A pair of red 911s graced the Sage Tick cover, and the club calendar was as full then as it is now.

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**2005** The Bend Parade was the big event, with a Silver Sage group making the trip in force. In Portland, three days of Parade without rain was considered the real miracle. Back home, club members filled the pages of the Tick with stories of drives, tech sessions, and one or two "spirited" debates that only Porsche people could have.

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**1995** Silver Sage was on the move — literally. From tech sessions to autocrosses, members were busy putting their cars (and tires) to the test. PCA's Portland Parade was a highlight, remembered for sunshine as much as for the concours lineup. For Portland, three dry days in a row was enough to earn its own trophy.

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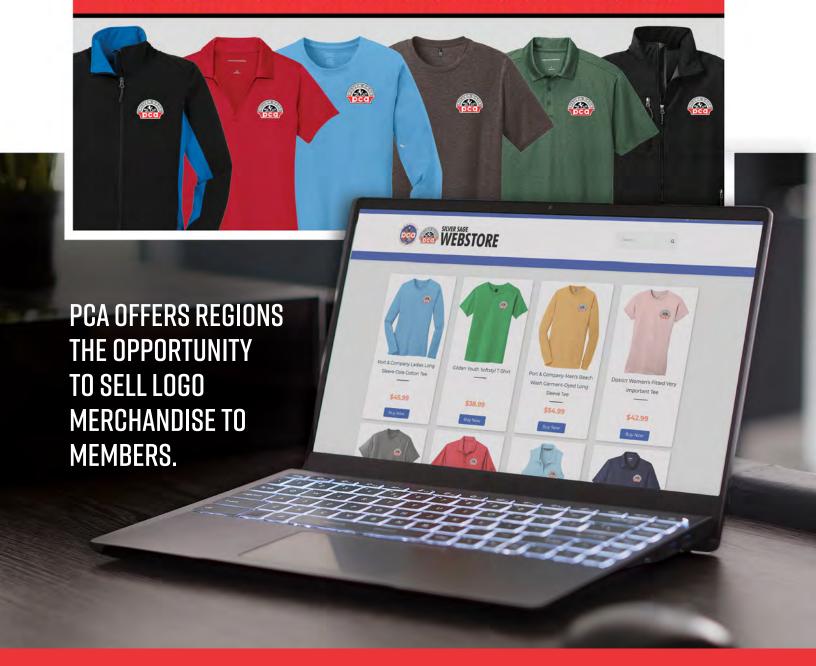
1985 Club members were watching Alain Prost win the Formula 1 World Championship while looking forward to Oktoberfast closer to home. And just to keep things in perspective, Road & Track's "Supercar of the Year" was Porsche's own 928S. Coincidence? We think not — but then again, who wouldn't pick a 928S?

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**1975** The Silver Sage Region was finding its footing, with early newsletters printed on bright yellow paper that looked suspiciously like a certain insect. Members were just beginning to shape what would become the dynamic club we know today.



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